

In The Claims:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A glass composition, for a sheet glass used in flat panel displays or for a crystallized glass, of a multicomponent oxide glass manufactured by melting glass raw materials, comprising:

10 ppm or more of at least one type of a polyvalent element selected from the group consisting of V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, As, Se, Y, Zr, Mo, Rh, Ag, Cd, Sn, Sb, Te, Ti, Pt, Au, and Bi;

minimum valence cations of the polyvalent element in a ratio of a minimum valence cation content to a total polyvalent element content of 5 to 98% in mass ratio; and

0.01 to 2 μ l/g (0°C, 1 atm) of helium.

2. (original) A glass composition according to claim 1, further comprising at least one of:

1 ppm or more in mass ratio of at least one component selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, and SO₃; and

10 ppm or more in mass ratio of OH.

3. (currently amended) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein a mass ratio of the minimum valence cation content is higher by 0.1 to 40% in mass ratio as compared to the ratio of a glass composition manufactured by melting in an oxygen-containing atmosphere.

4. (currently amended) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein comprising 1 ppm or more of cations of the polyvalent element ~~are existent~~.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyvalent element is Sn, and a mass ratio of a divalent cation content of Sn to a total Sn content is between 20 to 50% ~~in mass ratio~~.

7. (currently amended) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyvalent element is Sb, and a mass ratio of a trivalent cation content of Sb to a total Sb content is 70% or more ~~in mass ratio~~.

8. (currently amended) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyvalent element is As, and a mass ratio of a trivalent cation content of As to a total As content is 60% or more ~~in mass ratio~~.

9. (currently amended) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyvalent element is Fe, and a mass ratio of a divalent cation content of Fe to a total Fe content is 30% or more ~~in mass ratio~~.